

REMARKS

Claims 11, 13-14, 16-20 are pending in this application.

Claims 19 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. Claim 19 has been amended to remove the objectionable language.

Claims 11, 17, 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2005/0011663 to Kreutz. In addition, claims 12-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kreutz. Applicant will argue the inapplicability of these rejections to amended claims.

The invention relates to a module to be received in a frame for cable entries and/or pipe penetrations. Independent claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 12 and 15. Independent claim 11 recites, among other features, “the module comprises two end parts and two middle parts and wherein each middle part is formed of a base plate and a number of sheets that may be peeled off to adapt the middle part to the flat cable or the flat pipe to be received.”

Kreutz is directed to a device which helps to keep parts from mistakenly falling through an opening of a frame. Kreutz does not discuss or mention flat cables or pipes. The modules 15 of Fig. 3 of Kreutz are intended for receiving round cables or pipes. In hindsight it may seem obvious to add parts to the modules as an adaption to flat cables, but a person skilled in the art could not learn that from Kreutz. Other solutions are possible, such as trying to have only two module parts. The centre part 17 of Fig. 3 of Kreutz is not a plate but a cylindrical rod, placed in the middle of the module before a cable or pipe is received in said module. Thus, when a cable or pipe is received said centre part 17 is discarded. Thus, the centre part 17 is not comparable with the base plates of the middle part as defined in amended claim 11.

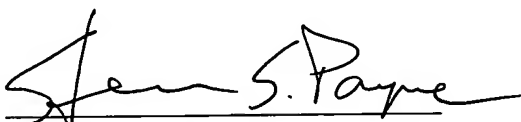
As Kreutz neither shows nor even indicates how a module should or could be adapted to receive flat cables or pipes, the invention of claim 11 is neither anticipated nor obvious.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that independent claim 11 and dependent claims 13-14 and 16-20 are allowable over Kreutz for at least the reasons set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt notice of same is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview may expedite the prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the below attorney at the indicated telephone number.

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